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**EIGHTY YEARS
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BADERTSCHER
FAMILY LIFE
IN AMERICA**

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A Tale of the Airly Days

By JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

Oh tell me a tale of the airly days—
Of the times as they used to be;
"Piller of Fier" and Shakespeare's plays
Is a' most too deep fer me!
I want plane facts, and I want plane words,
Of the good old-fashioned ways,
When speech run free as the songs of birds
'Way back in the airly days.

Tell me a tale of the timber lands
Of the old-time pioneers;
Somepin a pore man understands
With his feelin's as well as ears.
Tell of the old log house,—about
The loft; and puncheon flore
The old fire place, with the crane swung out,
And the latch string through the door.

Tell of the things just as they was—
They don't need no excuse!—
Don't tech 'em up like the poets does,
Till they're all too fine for use!—
Say they was 'leven in the fambily
Two beds, and the chist below,
And the trundle-beds that each helt three
And the clock and the old bureau.

Then blow the horn at the old back-door
Tel the echoes all halloo,
And the children gathers home onc't more
Jest as they ust to do.
Blow fer Pap tel he hears and comes,
With Toms and Elias, too,
A marchin' home, with the fife and drum
And the old Red, White and Blue!

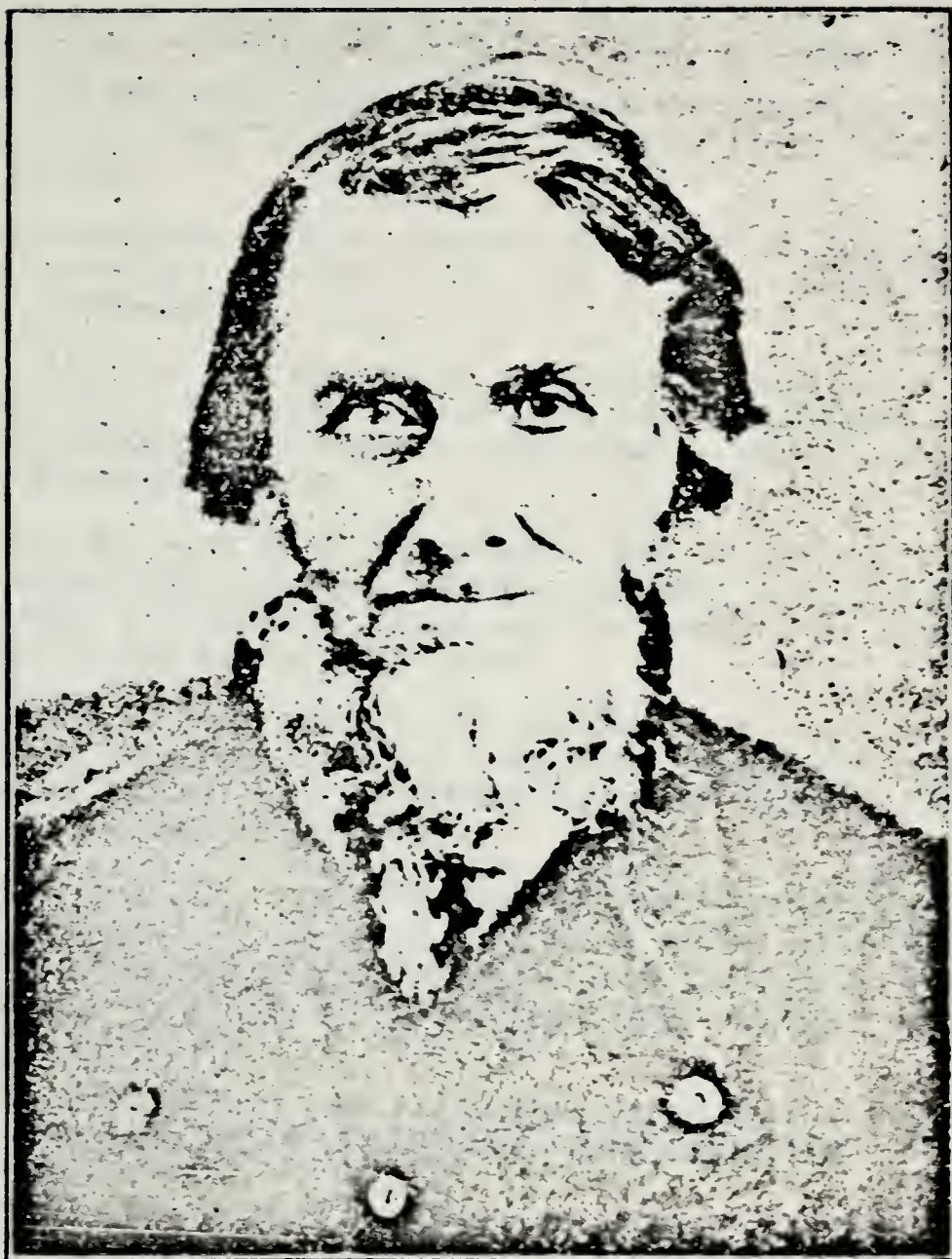
Blow and blow tel the sound draps low
As the moan of the wipperwill,
And wake up Mother, and Ruth and Jo,
All sleepin' at Bethel Hill.
Blow and call tel the faces all
Shine out in the back-logs blaze,
And the shadders dance on the old hewed wall
As they did in the airly days.

FOREWORD

For some time it has been my desire to have a family history of the Badertscher Family at hand. With the assistance of a number of other members of the family, and incidents that I have observed and collected in memory, I go forward to have the history of the different families published.

Yours truly,

ALBERT O. BADERTSCHER



PETER BADERTSCHER
1805 - 1872

HISTORY OF
Peter and Anna Badertscher
AND
Their Descendants

PETER BADERTSCHER, the son of Frederick Badertscher, was born September 29, 1805 in Lapenswald, Segnau County, Canton Berne, Switzerland. He was married to Anna Ashliman on July 18, 1827, who was born October 25, 1805 in the same village. To this union were born nine children, as follows: Barbara, John U., Elizabeth, Mathias, Peter, Christian, Fred, Anna and Magdalena.

In his early boyhood days he learned the trade of woodcraft or carpentry, which made him a useful man and a trade which some of his descendants also followed.

In the year 1855 he and his family emigrated to America in a sailboat. The voyage was a long one which lasted forty days and nights. After they landed in New York City they came to Allen County, Ohio, and located near Bluffton in the Swiss Settlement.

The task for Mr. and Mrs. Badertscher was a hard one; to build a new home and other toil that went with pioneer life. For it was then that the mother's health had already failed and her death was soon to follow in the same year at the age of fifty years.

After the death of the mother, the children were put into homes of different neighbors, as they were all neighbors in pioneer days. Grandfather Badertscher stayed with his oldest daughter until the time of his death in 1872 at the age of 66 years.

Records prove that Mr. and Mrs. Badertscher were baptised and dedicated to God in infancy by their parents, and united with the Reformed church and took their first Holy Communion at the age of twelve years, therefore proving a most worthy example to their children and following descendants.

We owe our gratitude to our forefathers for a firm foundation where we may live a religious life and build a worthy character.

FAMILY HISTORY OF

Barbara Badertscher-Bucher

BARBARA BADERTSCHER, the eldest child of Peter and Anna Badertscher was born in Berne, Switzerland, September 28, 1828. In her maidenhood she came with her parents to America, who emigrated to Allen County, Ohio. After the death of her mother, soon after they came to America, she was given a home by Mr. and Mrs. John Diller who resided in the Swiss Settlement near Bluffton, Ohio. On November 29, 1859 she was united in marriage to Jacob Bucher. To this union were born five sons. Their names are as follows: Abraham, Adam, Peter, Christ and Jacob.

I Abraham was born October 1, 1860. In occupation he was a carpenter and mason. He was married to Magdalena Spallinger. To this union were born two daughters and two sons, Elizabeth, Lavina, Amos and Raymond. Abraham Bucher died October 12, 1927.

1 Elizabeth (deceased).

2 Lavina was married to Cal Luginbuhl. To this union were born six children. Their names are Ola, Vera, Norma, Esther, Delbert and Edna.

1a Ola married Vergil Moser. To this union was born one daughter, Jeane.

3 Amos died February 11, 1919 in an accident while in service in the World war in France.

4 Raymond was married to Jane Lemly. To this union were born two children, Winston and Carol.

II Adam was born November 14, 1861 and died July 14, 1926. In occupation he was a skillful carpenter. He lived in a time when a great building boom existed in the eighties and nineties and therefore became a noted contractor. He was married to Verena Luginbuhl. This union was short, only about five years, and full of grief. Mrs. Bucher died leaving two children who soon followed her in death.

1 Elmer (deceased).

2 Edna (deceased).

III Peter was born April 4, 1863. In occupation he is a farmer and is not married.

IV Christ was born October 5, 1864. In occupation he is a carpenter and is not married.

V Jacob was born July 3, 1866. In occupation he was a carpenter and was not married. Jacob died September 30, 1913.

FAMILY HISTORY OF

John Ulrich Badertscher

JOHN ULRICH BADERTSCHER, the eldest son of Peter and Anna Badertscher was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, June 28, 1832. He died December 3, 1906, aged 74 years, five months and four days. At the age of twenty-three years he came to America with his parents, brothers and sisters where they settled near Bluffton, Allen County, Ohio. In his early youth he had the advantage of woodcraft or carpentry, working with his father in the making of spinning wheels, chests, bureaus, chairs, rockers, tables, or most any of the furniture that was used in pioneer days. Some of his wood work articles are still in use at this time, or have become antiques. He also was a casket maker, making them of black walnut lumber. Some times he was compelled to work almost day and night to complete his orders, when an epidemic swept thru the community where sufficient medical aid was lacking and death followed. He was married to Elizabeth Neuenschwander June 25, 1863. To this union were born ten children. Their given names are as follows: Mary, Peter, Leah, Catherin, John, Elizabeth, Sarah, Barbara, Lydia and Susanna.

I Mary was born April 18, 1864 and was married to Adam Sutter March 23, 1883. She died May 14, 1929. This union was blessed with nine children. The following are their given names: Clara, Elizabeth, Waldo, Sylvia, Elvina, Ira, Homer, Verna and Harley.

- 1 Clara was married to Christ Locher. Their children are Dorothy, Eula and Alice May.
- 2 Elizabeth was married to Milton Lehman. The names of their children are Wayne E., Francis Ray, Ralph, Keith and Robert.
 - 1a Wayne married Dorothy Toolcy of Rawson, Ohio.
 - 2a Francis married Grace Harshey, of Lafayette, Ohio.
- 3 Waldo married Estella Reese. They have one daughter, Margene.
- 4 Sylvia married Elmer Geiger. They have four children, Betty Jean, Bonnie Lou, Ruby May and John.
- 5 Elvina married Clarence Burkholder. They have four children, Ruth, Lois, Richard and Mary Ann.
- 6 Ira (deceased).
- 7 Homer married Frances Cherry. They have three children, Sherwood, Allen Dean and Margaret.
- 8 Verna married Raymond Hilty. They have one girl May Elizabeth.
- 9 Harley married Hazel Zehrbach. They have one girl, Joan.

II Peter was born November 12, 1865. He was married to Sarah Herr. In early life he assisted with the farming and also helped his father in the cabinet making trade. After his marriage he again farmed for a short time, moving to Bluffton shortly after his marriage. He was then employed in the oil fields around Bluffton for a number of years, later accepting employment on the railroad in the bridge and building department. After about twelve years of this work he became chief engineer of Bluffton High school in 1918 where he is employed at the present time. To this union one son, Ralph, was born.

1. Ralph married Leota Wilkins. They have two children, Sara Lee and Don Lynn.

- III Leah was born March 20, 1867. She was married to David Stager (now deceased). Mrs. D. H. Stager resides at 3535 Erie avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. To this union were born eight children. Following are their given names: Carrie Mae, Edna Ellen, Stelia Elvira, Alvin Edgar, Clarence Arthur, Irene Belle, Norman Wells, Rhoda Elizabeth.
- 1 Carrie Mae was married to Howard M. Rapp. They have seven children, Lucille May, Henry Joseph, Ruth Irene, Ray Norman, Josephine Hazel, Marie and Vernon.
 - 1a Lucille May was married to Joe Spaulding. They have one son Joseph, Jr.
 - 2 Edna Ellen (deceased) married Ralph Dockum.
 - 3 Stella Elvira.
 - 4 Alvin Edgar married Edith Williamson. They have two sons Ralph Waldo and Alvin, Jr.
 - 5 Clarence Arthur (deceased).
 - 6 Irene Belle.
 - 7 Norman Wells married Rose Marie Michalshi. They have one son David Norman.
 - 8 Rhoda Elizabeth married Harry E. Lansdale. They have two children, Roselle Elizabeth and Marjorie Ann.
- IV Catherine was born March 2, 1869. She was married to Rev. David King, whose death followed after an automobile accident. Mrs. King lives in Los Angeles, Calif. Following are the names of the children: Harley, Leona, Violetta and Herbert.
- 1 Harley married Eunice Neuenschwander. They have one daughter, Ethela.
 - 2 Leona married Verdi Bixel. They have two children.
 - 3 Violetta married Paul Schroeder.
 - 4 Herbert is also married.
- V John was born March 3, 1871. He was married to Grace Miller. To this union were born two children Wilbur (deceased) and Mary Elizabeth. John was an oil worker during the greater part of his life. He is now employed by the State Highway department and lives at Elida, Ohio.
- VI Elizabeth was born March 23, 1874. She was married to David Geiger. Both are deceased. They had one daughter Ruth.
- 1 Ruth married Carroll Henry. Their home is in Asheville, North Carolina. They have two children Carolyn and David.
- VII Sarah was born March 15, 1876. She was married to C. W. Basinger. They reside at California, Mo. This union was blessed with two sons, Clayton and Robert.
- VIII Barbara was born April 16, 1878. She is not married and resides at Kansas City, Missouri.
- IX Lydia was born August 1, 1880. She is not married and resides in Kansas City, Missouri.
- X Susanna was born April 11, 1883. She is married to L. U. Aeschbacher and lives at Versailles, Mo. They have two daughters, Susanna and Loas.

FAMILY HISTORY OF Elizabeth Badertscher-Amstutz

ELIZABETH BADERTSCHER, a native of Canton Berne, Switzerland, was born April 28, 1837. At the age of eighteen she came with her parents, Peter and Anna Badertscher and brothers and sisters to America. After the death of her mother, soon after they were in America, she was given a home by Mr. and Mrs. Christian Sutter. On November 20, 1856, she was united in marriage to John S. Amstutz. This union was blessed with eleven children, five sons and six daughters. One son died at the age of two years. She and her husband spent their entire wedded life in Allen county. The names of their children are as follows. Leah, Sarah, Mary, Anna, Elias, Moses, Joshua, Margaret, Fanny and Otto. There are ninety-six descendents of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Amstutz: eleven children, forty grand children, forty great grand children and five great great grandchildren.

I Leah married Henry Lauby, a farmer of near Bluffton, Ohio. To this union were born seven children, three sons and four daughters. Their names are Matilda, John, Ella, Fanny and Charles. Two of the children died in infancy of diphtheria.

1 Matilda, the eldest daughter, married Vernon Yoakam a farmer near Bluffton, Ohio. Their children are Cleora, Jesse and Wayne.

1a Cleora married Edwin Gehres of Dayton, Ohio. Their children are James and Mary Maragret.

2a Jesse Married Lillian Kennel of Illinois. They reside in Bluffton.

2 John married Angelina Lugibihl. Five daughters were born to this union, Ruth, Esther, Orpha, Naomi and Eunice. John's wife (Angelina) died soon after the birth of her youngest child and Mr. Lauby later married Lucy Oyer of Ft. Wayne, Ind. To this union were born three sons, Paul, John Jr., and Philip.

1a Esther married Lewis Hill.

2a Naomi married Roy Mollet.

3 Ella married Ira Coon in the year of 1904. One daughter, Nellie, was born to this union, and soon after the birth of the daughter, Ella died, and almost a year later Mr. Coon died.

1a Nellie married Ernest Manahan and to this union was born two children, Betty and Raymond J.

4 Fanny married Harvey Gratz. They have one son, Delbert.

5 Charles married Elina Mollet and they reside in Pasadena, California. They have one child, Edna Mary.

II Sarah married John Matter, a farmer near Bluffton, Ohio. To this union were born four children, one son and three daughters. Their names are as follows: Bertha, Waldo, Lona and Sarah.

1 Bertha is not married.

2 Waldo married Lona Amstutz.

3 Lona married Edward Good. They have three children, Iona, Doneta and Dale.

4 Sarah married Dean Everett. They have one daughter, Lavaun.

1a Lavaun married Carl Amstutz. They have one child, Miriam Jean.

III Mary married Sherman Hortan. Their children's names are as follows: Nellie, William and Susan.

1 Nellie married William Tschantz. Their children are Wandean, Buddy and Charlyn.

2 William was married to Lillian Tschantz. Their daughter's name is Norma.

- 3 Susan married Orin Jackson, a policeman of Canton, Ohio. He died July 30, 1929.
- IV Anna married David Herr. Two sons were born to this union, one son dying in infancy.
- 1 David H. Herr.
- V Elias was married to Dina Augsburgers. Five sons and four daughters were born to this union. They are as follows: Harry, Elizabeth, Benjamin, John, Robert, George, Fanny, Rhoda and Eunice.
- 1 Harry married Mildred Balmer. To this union were born two children, Alice Mae and James H.
 - 2 Elizabeth married Henry Balmer. To this union were born two children, Ralph and Mary Louise.
 - 3 Benjamin married Naomi Amstutz. Their children are (twin boys) Eugene Wayne, Dwaine Francis, Treva Kathleen and Maynard. Naomi, the first wife, died and some time later Benjamin married Elma Diller.
 - 4 John was married to Zoa Bender.
 - 5 Robert was married to Alma Tschiegg.
 - 6 George married Mary Walls of Ada, Ohio. They have one son, James Dennis.
 - 7 Fanny, Rhoda and Eunice are at home.
- VI Moses was married to Carolina Messinger. Their children are May Ola, Ivin, Elmer and Luella.
- 1 May Ola married Sidney Hilty. Their children are Donald Paul and Winifred Jean.
 - 2 Ivin married Leola Sutter.
 - 3 Elmer married Ruth Krouse of Bakersville, Calif.
 - 4 Luella is at home and not married.
- VII Joshua married Anna Zimmerly. Their children and grandchildren are as follows: Oda, Joyce, Glenna, Wilma, Evan, Celesta, David and Donavin.
- 1 Oda married Harold Kempf. They have one child Susanna Eilene.
 - 2 Joyce married Ralph Steiner. Their children are Ralph, Jr., Marilyn, Elinore and Patricia.
 - 3 Glenna married Gerald Filhart. Their son's name is Leland LeRoy.
 - 4 Wilma married Clifford Filhart. They have two children.
 - 5 Evan, Celesta, David and Donavin are at home.
- VIII Margaret married D. L. Tschantz of Canton, Ohio.
- IX Fanny married Samuel Bixel. Their children are Wilhelmina, James and Elizabeth.
- 1 Wilhelmina married Glen Fuller of Newton, Kansas.
 - 2 James and Elizabeth at home.
- X Otto, a farmer on the homestead, married Celina Amstutz of Bluffton. To this union were born four daughters. Their given names are Lucile, Maybelle, Vida and Gayle.
- 1 Lucile married Walton Alderfer.
 - 2 Vida married Paul Rhodes.
 - 3 Maybelle and Gayle are at home.

FAMILY HISTORY OF Mathias Badertscher

MATHIAS BADERTSCHER was born May 15, 1838, and died April 7, 1899, aged 61 years, one month and 15 days. At the age of 17 years he emigrated from Canton Berne, Switzerland, where he was born, to America with his parents, brothers and sisters. After they were settled in Richland township, Allen county, Ohio, young Dias, as he was called, had many tasks to choose in pioneer days. He became a noted handyman, a rail and clabboard splitter, a water well digger, an expert with the grain cradle and the scythe, a butcher, a log house builder and could do most anything his neighbors called him to do. His main occupation was farming. He was married to Lydia Augsburgers and to this union were born fourteen children. Their names are as follows: Mary, Adolph, John, Susan, Gideon, Daniel, Elias, Sarah, Dina, Henry, William, Jacob, Peter and Noah. There are a total of 169 descendents in the Mathias Badertscher family: Fourteen children, sixty-five grandchildren and ninety great grand children.

I Mary was born in the year 1858 and was the wife of Jacob Luginbuhl. To this union were born five children, and their names are as follows: Lydia, William, Fanny, Gideon and Harry.

- 1 Lydia married Herman Kindle. To them was born one son Herbert. Mr. Kindle died following an accident November 5, 1934, and Lydia was married again to Elias Augsburgers.
- 2 William was married to Verena Steiner. To them were born two children, Marceil and Darwin.
- 3 Fanny (deceased) was married to Albert Amstutz and following are the names of their children: Harold, Mary, Ralph, Howard, Landoline and Wilford.
- 4 Gideon was married to Dora Reichenbach and the names of their children are Mabel, Lucile, Ray, Luella, Robert, Wayne, Earl and Dora Jean.
- 5 Harry was married to Emma Fankhouser. They have one son, Rolland.

II Adolph was born March 25, 1867. In occupation he is a carpenter and farmer. He was married to Lydia Kohler in the year 1888. To this union were born ten children. Their names are as follows: Cora S., Albert O., Mary E., Mildred E., Florence M., Elmer W., Edith E., Herman R., Milton M., and Dorothy L.

- 1 Cora married Albert Balmer. They have three daughters Allene, Pauline and Elizabeth.
- 2 Albert married Sarah A. Hochstettler. To this union were born three sons and two daughters. Their names are J. Lyle, Erma L., Vera E., Maynard R., and Gene E.
- 3 Mary married Lee Coon. To this union were born three sons, Herbert, Maynard and Robert.
 - 1a Herbert married Marjorie Luginbuhl.
- 4 Mildred married Chester A. Stauffer. To this union were born twin daughters, Geraldine and Kathleen.
- 5 Florence married John W. Everett. To this union were born four children, Treva, Lyle, Marilyn and Wanda.
- 6 Elmer married Edna Welty. To this union were born a son, Wayne, and daughter, Norma.
- 7 Edith married C. Emmet Stauffer.
- 8 Herman is not married.
- 9 Milton is not married.
- 10 Dorothy married Maynard Geiger.

III John was born March 14, 1868. In occupation he was a farmer and stockman, but has retired and resides in Bluffton, Ohio. He was married to Otilla Schaublin February 1, 1890. This union was blessed with thirteen children and their names are as follows: Walter, Orville, Clara, Lydia, Edna, Louise, Levi, Edwin, Homer, Martha, Helen, John, Jr., and Neva.

- 1 Walter married Mrs. Agnes McFetridge. They reside at Berkley, Calif.
- 2 Orville married Mary E. Hauenstein. They have one son Francis. They reside at Defiance, Ohio.
- 2 Clara is not married and lives in San Francisco, Calif.
- 4 Lydia married Orville Lugabill. They are the parents of two children, Galen and Dorothy.
- 5 Edna was married to Homer Gratz. They have seven children as follows: Donavin, Margaret, Homer, Jr., Russell, infant daughter (deceased), Cathleen (deceased), Barbara Joan, infant (deceased).
- 6 Louise married Adrian Lugabill. They have three children, Rosalie, Eilene and Franklin.
- 7 Levi married Lenora Wolford.
- 8 Edwin married May Murray. They have one son, Jimmy.
- 9 Homer married Ruth Rosekans. They have one son, John. They reside at San Francisco, Calif.
- 10 Martha married DeWitt Mills.
- 11 John I. died after an automobile accident May 9, 1930.
- 12 Helen is not married and resides at San Francisco, Calif.
- 13 Neva married Henry S. Detwiler. They reside at Souderton, Pa.

IV Susan was born March 21, 1869. She married Henry Gratz. To this union were born one son and two daughters. Following are their names. Levi, Helen and Lena.

- 1 Levi married Vera Rogers. To this union three children were born. They are Kenneth L., E. Joan and Marjorie Mae. Mr. Gratz is plant pathologist in charge of North Florida Experiment Station, Quincy, Florida.

(2) Helen and Lena are not married.

V Gideon was born March 30, 1870. In occupation he was a farmer but now resides in Ft. Wayne, Ind. He was married to Susan Lora (deceased). To this union were born seven children, as follows, Ella, Minnie (deceased), Sarah, Harley, Lillian, Viola and Mary.

- 1 Ella was married to Homer Basinger and the following are the names of their children: Josephine, Clifford N. (deceased), Reno Mark (deceased), Helen Lucile, Harold Wayne, Nettie May, Elnora Susan, Odulla Marie, Wallace Dale and Eileen Ruth.

1a Josephine married George Firestein. They have one child, Thomas Edward.

VI Daniel was born March 17, 1871 and died August 16, 1924. In occupation he was a farmer. He was married to Leah Bucher. To this union were born ten children, as follows: Elda, Glen, Milton, Hiram, Irene, Homer, Sadie, Sidney and Edna.

- 1 Glen was married to Blanche Cluff. To this union were born three children: Maurice (deceased), Clyde (deceased) and David Glen.
- 2 Milton was married to Edith Kunzler. This union was blessed with six children. Their names are, Milton Jr., Ruth Helen, Mary Louise, Robert Eugene, and twin girls Jane and June (deceased).
- 3 Hiram married Helen Godfrey. To this union were born two children, Ray Edward and May Irene.

- 4 Sidney married Ruth Emma Sluck.
 - 5 Sadie is not married.
 - 6 Elda, Irene, Homer, Edna and infant (deceased).
- VII Elias was born April 4, 1872 and died July 27, 1919. He was aged 47 years, three month and 23 days. He was not married.
- VIII Sarah was born May 31, 1873. She was married to Peter Matter, a farmer. To this union were born five children, as follows: Richard, Mabel, Lillian, Carrie and Earl.
- 1 Richard married Josephine Deimer. They are the parents of four children, Richard Wayne, Betty Louise, Franklin Ray and Robert William.
 - 2 Mabel married Edgar Montgomery. They have four children and their names are Clair Evan, Carol Marylin, Norma Lavaun and Carl William.
 - 3 Lillian is not married.
 - 4 Carrie is not married.
 - 5 Earl married Leah Cook. They have one daughter, Carolyn May.
- IX Dina was born July 2, 1874. She died February 8, 1879. Aged four years, five months and six days.
- X Henry was born July 11, 1875. He died June 10, 1933. He was married to Miss Catherine Sprunger. No children.
- XI William was born December 1, 1876. Died in infancy.
- XII Jacob A. was born January 11, 1879. In his early manhood he taught public school. Later, with an aim for higher education, he attended Ohio Northern University and received his A. B. degree at Ohio University. Later he received his A. M. and Ph. D. degrees at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. He was married to Mary E. Goble in 1904 and to this union were born two sons, Darwin and Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Badertscher reside at 312 S. Fess avenue, Bloomington, Ind., where he is professor of anatomy in the University of Indiana.
- 1 Darwin married Miss Elizabeth Van Winkle. He received his A. B. degree at Indiana University, and A. M. and Ph. D. at Penn State College. He is employed as chemist in the research laboratories of The Socony Vacuum Oil company, Paulshoro, N. J. His residence is in Woodbury, N. J. They have one daughter Elizabeth (Betty).
 - 2 Robert is at home.
- XIII Peter was born August 4, 1880. In his early manhood he became a school teacher and carpenter. He now occupies a farm near LaFayette, Ohio. He was married to Louise Fett. To this union were born six children, and their names are as follows: Margaret, Harvey E., Kathryn, Ralph, Willis and Cleora.
- 1 Margaret married Floyd Rettig. They have one son Earl Allen.
 - 2 Harvey is not married.
 - 3 Kathryn married Fred Urich.
 - 4 Ralph is not married.
 - 5 Willis married Alta Bell Branan. They have two children, Milton Earl and Elizabeth Ann.
 - 6 Cleora married Dale Younkman (deceased).
- XIV Noah was born March 22, 1883. He was married to Bertha Crannell. To this union were born three children. The following are their names: Donald, Russell and Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Badertscher and family reside in Lorain, Ohio.

FAMILY HISTORY OF Peter Badertscher, Jr.

PETER BADERTSCHER, JUNIOR, the son of Peter and Anna Badertscher, was born March 26, 1840. He left his Swiss home where he was born and sailed with his parents, brothers and sisters to America in the year 1855. In his boyhood day he lived in the Swiss Settlement near Bluffton, Ohio. Later in early manhood he went to Lima, Ohio, where he married Catherine Elizabeth Naas, who was born in Germany. In occupation he became a master carpenter. He had retired a few years before he died on March 30, 1918. About twelve hours later death claimed his wife on March 31, 1918. He was 78 and she was 80 years of age. Double funeral services were held on April 2 at the First Reformed church, Lima, Ohio. To this union no children were born, but they adopted a foster son Otto Badertscher whose father was accidentally killed by a falling tree. Otto and his wife live at 988 North street, Lima, Ohio. Their children are Chester, Victor and Mary.

FAMILY HISTORY OF Christian Badertscher

CHRISTIAN BADERTSCHER, a native of Switzerland, was born April 23, 1842. At the age of 13 he came with his parents, Peter and Anna Badertscher, to America. After the death of his mother, he and his sister Anna were given a good home by Rev. John Moser, near Bluffton, Ohio. On December 15, 1864, he married Marian Gratz, and to this union eleven children were born, eight sons and three daughters, four of whom, three sons and a daughter, died in infancy. In 1874 he began studying for the ministry, graduating several years later from the Mission House near Sheboygan, Wisconsin. His first pastorate was in Iowa. He also preached in Findlay, Bluffton and several other places. October 1, 1886, Rev. Badertscher accepted a call to St. Paul's church in St. Marys and served it faithfully for 13 years and three months, the longest pastorate in the history of St. Paul's church. Many times Rev. Badertscher and his sons went out to the reservoir, now called Lake St. Marys, and got logs out of the lake in order to have fuel for the church and the home. On December 24, 1899, he left St. Marys and again went to Bluffton, serving in the church at that place as substitute minister. This closed his career as a minister and he retired on account of dull hearing which afflicted him. Rev. Christian Badertscher died of pneumonia January 29, 1924, at the age of 81 years, nine months and three days. Mrs. Badertscher died of Cardiac Dropsy November 15, 1925, at the age of 83 years, four months and 25 days. Rev. and Mrs. Badertscher had 70 descendants, 11 children, 28 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren. The oldest child of the Rev. and Mrs. Badertscher is Mrs. John Finke, age 70 years. The oldest grandchild is Mrs. Peter Schoeneberger of Chicago. The oldest grand grandchild is Mrs. Elvin Ranke of Chicago. The youngest great grandchild is little Carol Frantz of near Mt. Cory, Ohio.

I Sarah married John Finke (deceased), superintendent of the cemeteries at St. Marys, Ohio. Mr. Finke officiated at more than 5,000 funerals in the 45 years he was superintendent of the St. Marys cemeteries. This union was blessed with five children, four daughters and a son. Mr. and Mrs. Finke have nine grandchildren.

1 Amelia married Peter Schoeneberger and this union was blessed with two daughters:

1a Mrs. Elvin Ranke.

2a Mrs. Rexford Meadows.

2 Clara is a Fourth Grade teacher in the St. Marys Public schools.

3 Anna married George Loeding and this union was blessed with a daughter, Anita.

4 Noah married Caroline Kellermeyer and this union was blessed with two daughters and two sons, Annabelle, Janet, Clifford and John.

5 Amanda married Edwin Faust and this union was blessed with a daughter and son, Carol and Billy.

II David (deceased).

III Anna married Henry Schoeneberger, proprietor of a large noodle factory in Chicago. This union was blessed with a daughter and two sons. Mr. and Mrs. Schoeneberger have three grandchildren.

1 Meta married Edmund Hullander and this union was blessed with a daughter, Lois.

2 Walter married Hyacinth Chiesa and this union was blessed with two daughters and a son, Denise, Audrey Jean (deceased) and Donald.

3 Leonard (deceased).

IV Noah, a farmer near St. Marys, married Louise Blase, of New Bremen, Ohio. This union was short, as Mrs. Badertscher died after a few years. This union was blessed with a daughter and son, Esther and Leonard (deceased).

1 Esther married Lloyd Longwith and this union was blessed with two daughters and three sons, Alice, Mary, Lester, James and Robert. Several years later Noah married Matilda Rohrbach. This union was blessed with two daughters and six sons. Mr. and Mrs. Badertscher have eleven grandchildren.

1 Arthur married Nell Pestien.

2 Paul married Edith Stoner and this union was blessed with three daughters and three sons, Jeanette, Martha, Kathleen, Paul, Carl and Robert.

3 Leon married Alverta McDermott.

4 Mary Margaret (deceased).

5, 6, 7, 8 Albert, Crist, Don and Anna are unmarried.

V Infant son (deceased).

VI John, a shipping clerk for the Hudson Motor Co., Detroit, Michigan, married Louise Koch of St. Marys. This union was blessed with a daughter and three sons. Mr. and Mrs. Badertscher have six grandchildren.

1 June married A. Long and this union was blessed with a daughter, Eileen.

2 Dana married Kathryn Bubb and this union was blessed with a daughter and two sons, Marjorie, Allen and Philip.

3 Richard married Catherine Conver and this union was blessed with two daughters, Mary Ann and Barbara Lou.

4 Eugene married Helen Knight.

VII Daniel, a chain maker, employed at the present time in St. Marys, O.

VIII Otto (deceased).

IX Silas, a mechanic in the French Oil Mill & Machinery Co., of Piqua, Ohio, married Lorene Sikes of St. Marys, Ohio.

X Samuel, a farmer near Bluffton, Ohio, married Edith Freyman. This union was blessed with three daughters and three sons. Mr. and Mrs. Badertscher have one grand child.

1 Helen (deceased) married Russell Leiber.

2 Lucille married Dwight Frantz. This union was blessed with a daughter, Carol Jean.

3 Pauline married Wayne Zimmerman.

4, 5, 6 Wilmer, Harold and Walter are unmarried.

XI Emma (deceased).

DECEASED MEMBERS

(1) David Badertscher, son.

(2) Infant Badertscher, son.

(3) Otto Badertscher, son.

(4) Emma Badertscher, daughter.

(5) Leonard Badertscher, grandson.

(6) Mary Margaret Badertscher, granddaughter.

(7) Leonard Schoeneberger, grandson.

(8) Helen Leiber, granddaughter.

(9) Audrey Jean Schoeneberger, great granddaughter.

PERSONNEL OF THE CHRISTIAN BADERTSCHER FAMILY

1	Sarah Finke	901 S. Wayne St., St. Marys, O.
2	Mrs. Peter Schoeneberger	1640 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago
3	Miss Clara Finke	901 S. Wayne St., St. Marys, O.
4	Noah E. Finke	Greenville Rd., St. Marys, O.
5	Mrs. George Loeding	2418 Cullom Ave., Chicago
6	Mrs. Edwin Faust	4837 Cullom Ave., Chicago
7	Mrs. Elvin Ranke	1640 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago
8	Mrs. Rexford Meadows	3300 N. Claremont Ave., Chicago
9	Anita Loeding	2418 Cullom Ave., Chicago
10	Clifford Finke	Greenville Rd., St. Marys, O.
11	Annabelle Finke	Greenville Rd., St. Marys, O.
12	John Finke, Jr.	Greenville Rd., St. Marys, O.
13	Janet Finke	Greenville Rd., St. Marys, O.
14	Carol Faust	4837 Cullom Ave., Chicago
15	Billy Faust	4837 Cullom Ave., Chicago
16	Anna Schoeneberger	2043 Humboldt Blvd., Chicago
17	Mrs. Edmund Hullander	2043 Humboldt Blvd., Chicago
18	Lois Hullander	2043 Humboldt Ave., Chicago
19	Walter Schoeneberger	1034 Marion St., Oak Park, Ill
20	Denise Schoeneberger	1034 Marion St., Oak Park, Ill
21	Donald Schoeneberger	1034 Marion St., Oak Park, Ill
22	Noah Badertscher	Route 2, St. Marys, O.
23	Albert Badertscher	Route 2, St. Marys, O.
24	Mrs. Lloyd Longwith	Route 1, St. Marys, O.
25	Arthur Badertscher	Saginaw, Mich
26	Paul Badertscher	1429 Coplin Ave., Detroit, Mich
27	Leon Badertscher	1022 E. Spring St., St. Marys, O.
28	Crist Badertscher	1429 Coplin Ave., Detroit, Mich
29	Don Badertscher	Route 2, St. Marys, O.
30	Anna Badertscher	Route 2, St. Marys, O.
31	Lester Longwith	Route 1, St. Marys, O.
32	Alice Longwith	Route 1, St. Marys, O.
33	James Longwith	Route 1, St. Marys, O.
34	Robert Longwith	Route 1, St. Marys, O.
35	Mary Longwith	Route 1, St. Marys, O.
36	Martha Badertscher	1429 Coplin Ave., Detroit, Mich
37	Paul Badertscher	1429 Coplin Ave., Detroit, Mich
38	Carl Badertscher	1429 Coplin Ave., Detroit, Mich
39	Robert Badertscher	1429 Coplin Ave., Detroit, Mich
40	Jeannette Badertscher	1429 Coplin Ave., Detroit, Mich
41	Kathleen Badertscher	1429 Coplin Ave., Detroit, Mich
42	John Badertscher	133 S. Kitchener Ave., Detroit, Mich
43	Mrs. June Long	133 S. Kitchener Ave., Detroit, Mich
44	Dana Badertscher	133 S. Kitchener Ave., Detroit, Mich
45	Richard Badertscher	9493 Philips Ave., Detroit, Mich
46	Euegne Badertscher	133 S. Kitchener Ave., Detroit, Mich
47	Eileen Long	133 S. Kitchener Ave., Detroit, Mich
48	Marjorie Badertscher	133 S. Kitchener Ave., Detroit, Mich
49	Allen Badertscher	133 S. Kitchener Ave., Detroit, Mich
50	Philip Badertscher	133 S. Kitchener Ave., Detroit, Mich
51	Mary Ann Badertscher	9493 Philips Ave., Detroit, Mich
52	Barbara Lou Badertscher	9493 Philips Ave., Detroit, Mich
53	Silas Badertscher	711 W. High St., Piqua, O.
54	Daniel Badertscher	901 S. Wayne St., St. Marys, O.
55	Samuel Badertscher	Route 2, Bluffton, O.
56	Mrs. Dwight Frantz	Route 1, Mt. Cory, O.
57	Mrs. Wayne Zimmerman	Route 2, Bluffton, O.
58	Wilmer Badertscher	Route 2, Bluffton, O.
59	Harold Badertscher	Route 2, Bluffton, O.
60	Walter Badertscher	Route 2, Bluffton, O.
61	Carol Jean Frantz	Route 1, Mt. Cory, O.



FAMILY HISTORY OF Frederick Badertscher

FREDERICK BADERTSCHER was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, September 12, 1843, and came to America with his parents, brothers and sisters in 1855. After the death of his mother he lived in the Swiss Settlement near Bluffton, Ohio, most of the time, farming and clearing timberland. In his early manhood he went to Itarke county and there met Miss Margaret Elizabeth Slonaker. They were married in 1866. To this union were born nine children: Ida May, May 5, 1867; Elizabeth Anna, December 23, 1868; Joseph Henry, December 29, 1871 (died in infancy); Laura Alice, August 30, 1873; Elmer Frederick, August 4, 1876; Bessie Lucinda, July 2, 1881; Glen Fremont, March 28, 1886; Pearl Suphronia, May 2, 1889; Grace, May 2, 1892 (died in infancy). After many years Fred moved with his family to Piqua, Ohio, where he was employed at the Favorite Stove and Range company, where he met with an accident which caused his death October 30, 1915.

I Ida married Dick Hettenbrook, their children are Esther, Echo, Hattie, Florence and Dan.

1 Esther married Carl Hughes.

2 Echo married Rudolph Waladyka. They have two sons.

3 Hattie married L. Miller. They have one son, Lester. and one daughter, Virginia.

1a Lester is married and has one son, Morley.

4 Florence married a Mr. Allen and has two sons.

II Elizabeth married Joseph Elche. Their children are Otto, Alma and Goldie Belle.

1 Otto married Mildred Collins. Their children are Lewis Otto, Betty Louise and Richard Lee.

2 Goldie married William Burns. Their children are Robert William, Rita Elizabeth, Betty LaPort, Lorraine Otto and Jackie Nolan.

1a Robert married Miss Anna Steffen. Their son's name is Robert William, Jr.

III Joseph (died in infancy).

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IV Laura Alice.

V Elmer married Mrs. Jessie Hamilton. No children.

VI Bessie married Harley Blue. There is one daughter, Marie.

1 Marie married Roy Strome. Bessie later married Abram Peck. They have one son, Melvin.

VII Glen married Mis Iola Dragon. They have two sons, Glen Frederick, Jr. and Robert Frederick.

VIII Pearl married Raymond A. Heaton. They have one son Dana Ray.

IX Grace (died in infancy).

FAMILY HISTORY OF

Anna Badertscher-Basinger

ANNA BADERTSCHER, a quaint little Swiss girl, born October 8, 1844, came to America with her parents at the age of eleven years. The voyage across the ocean in a sail boat was a long one, forty-five days and nights. The mother was very ill most of the time. The two younger sisters were fond of the darky cooks on the sailing vessel and sometimes would sit upon the lap of one. On one occasion the youngest of them wet her finger and rubbed it over the darky's hand to see whether the color would come off. This incident remained a family joke.

Almost immediately upon arrival in this country Anna was placed in the home of the Reverend John Moser where she remained seven years. Here she had many advantages in religious instruction. This experience made many lasting impressions upon her young mind. She frequently mentioned how fervent in prayer the minister always was and how he studied long into the night. Also how he would stop from field work to study from his pocket notes for his coming sermon. Then go on again with his arduous duties, making his work his meditation. On one occasion Anna was so delighted with a white neck-kerchief which the minister's wife made for her, she asked, "Will it fade when we wash it?" The good wife had such a hearty laugh out of that. She said, "child, white never fades!" Anna was married at the age of nineteen to Ulrich Basinger on March 8, 1866, who preceded her in death nearly 31 years. She was a devoted, faithful wife, and the mother of ten children. They are, Menno, Lewis, Susan, Helena, Ella, Ulrich, Walter, Rhoda, Calvin and Peter. At the age of forty-two she was left a widow with eight children, the youngest only four years of age. These she tried to educate to the best of her ability. As they grew up they all could revere her and call her blessed. A short time before her seventy-third birthday she was called to her eternal reward on March 29, 1918. She said, "I am going to my Heavenly Father's home, the bright and beautiful home."

There are 23 descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich Basinger: Ten children, nine grand children and four great grand children.

- I Menno was born February 9, 1867 and died November 2, 1917. In his early manhood he became a school teacher and later a noted jeweler in Lima, Ohio. On September 23, 1895 he was married to Blanche R. Douglas. To this union were born four children: Warren D., Helen, Mildred and Ruth.
 - 1 Warren D. married Helen Johnson. To this union three children were born, Robert Warren, William Calvin (deceased) and Kenneth Douglas.
 - 2 Helen married Austin D. Reiley, of New York City. No children.
 - 3 Mildred (deceased).
 - 4 Ruth (deceased).
- II Lewis was born July 31, 1868. He became a school teacher in early manhood but was called by death at the early age of 23 years.
- III Susie was born May 5, 1870. Died August 10, 1915. She was married November 11, 1896 to Rollin J. Treat.
- IV Helen was born April 25, 1872 and died August 7, 1872.
- V Ella was born September 5, 1873, and resides at 326 North Elizabeth street, Lima, Ohio.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and change. From the first settlers to the present day, the nation has evolved through various stages of development. The early years were marked by exploration and settlement, followed by a period of rapid expansion and industrialization. The American Revolution and the subsequent years of the 18th and 19th centuries were characterized by a struggle for independence and the establishment of a new government. The 20th century has seen the United States emerge as a global superpower, with significant contributions to science, technology, and culture.

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VI Ulrich was born March 24, 1874. Died May 12, 1874.

VII Walter was born April 24, 1875. Died December 31, 1905.

VIII Rhoda was born January 23, 1878. She was married October 15, 1902 to Harry T. Robinson. They have two children:

- 1 Dorothy Lee Robinson married S. F. Jamison. They have one child, Sanford Chandler Jamison.
- 2 Harry F. Robinson.

IX Calvin was born February 24, 1880. He was married September 6, 1930 to Hoadie K. Camp. He is a jeweler and resides in Lima, Ohio.

X Peter was born April 8, 1882. Died June 30, 1924. He was married June 19, 1906 to Lena Pangle. To this union three children were born:

- 1 Eugene Norton (died in infancy).
- 2 Kathleen married Ralph Newson.
- 3 Jack Basinger.

FAMILY HISTORY OF

Magdlena Badertscher-Stager

MAGDLENA BADERTSCHER, a native of Switzerland, was born April 16, 1848. At the age of six she came with her parents Peter and Anna Badertscher to America. After the death of her mother she was given a home by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Niswander and later she lived with her oldest sister. On the 21st of October, 1873, she was united in marriage to John A. Stager. This union was blessed with six children, two sons and four daughters, all of whom are living. She and her husband spent their entire wedded life in Allen county. Their later years were spent with their children. The names of their children are Mary, Minnie, Sarah, Aldine, Duett and Viola. Mrs. Stager was afflicted with rheumatism and could not walk for twenty-three years. She died January 10th, 1926, at the home of her daughter Minnie at the age of 77 years, eight months and twenty-two days. Her husband is still living and is eighty-five years old.

The descendants of John and Magdlena Stager are as follows:

- I Mary, oldest daughter, married Philip Moser a farmer of near Beavertown, Ohio. To this union were born eight children, six sons and two daughters. One son died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Moser have eleven grandchildren.
 - 1 Luella, oldest daughter, is the wife of David C. Steiner. Their children are Naomi, Donovan, Herman and Rosemary.
 - 1a Naomi married Murray Little.
 - 2 Duett Moser, oldest son, married Ida Mayberry. Their children are Carl, Kenneth, Treva and Richard.
 - 3 Sylvia is the wife of Amiel Amstutz. Their children are Melvina and Dorothy.
 - 4 Howard Moser married Helen Huber. They have one child, Carolyn.
 - 5, 6, 7 Orlo, Vernon and Clarence at home.
- II Minnie married Noah Steiner of Lima, Ohio, a mechanic. To this union were born five children, two sons and three daughters, one daughter died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Steiner have two grandchildren.
 - 1 Ona, oldest daughter, married Kent Richie. Their children are Donald and Jean.
 - 2 Mae married Wayne Burkam.
 - 3, 4 Kenneth J. and Ralph E. at home.
- III Sarah married Harmon Walters, a farmer of near Cairo, Ohio. This union was blessed with five children, three sons and two daughters, one son died at the age of twenty-one. Mr. and Mrs. Walters have fifteen grandchildren.
 - 1 Florence is the wife of Roy Beemer. Their children are Mae, Laddonna, Ralph, Gloria, Donald and Marcetta.
 - 2 Charlie married Hazel Burkholder. Their children are Wanda, Harold, Richard, Robert, Mary Katherine and Janice.
 - 3 Lillie married Charlie Burkholder. Their children are Dorothy, Helen and Jeanette.
 - 4 Elmer married Carrie Baily.

- IV Aldine, the oldest son, is a mechanic at Little Rock, Arkansas. He is married. This couple was blessed with five children. They have one grandchild.
- 1 Hazel, the oldest daughter, is married and has one child.
 - 2 Helen and Aldine, Jr., are at home.
- V Duett, a mechanic of Lima, Ohio, married Miss Bessie Cook. To this union seven children were born, three sons and four daughters. They have three grandchildren living, one died at the age of four.
- 1 Marie married Walter Dodge. They have three children.
 - 2 Gertrude married Harold Heffner. Their child, Gelorid, died at the age of four.
 - 3 Harold married Helen Roeder.
 - 4 The children at home are Helen, Elden, Dorothy and Raymond.
- VI Viola married Clarence Smith. He is credit manager for the Toledo Edison company, of Toledo, Ohio. They had one child which died at the age of four.

Peter and Anna Badertscher
and
Their Descendants

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